

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of State Route 13 in Perry County in honor of the late Dr. Gordon H. Turner Jr.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean could be more deserving of this honor than the late Dr. Gordon H. Turner Jr. of Perry County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Turner served his fellow citizens with integrity, probity, and generosity as a public servant of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Turner was born in Columbia on January 26, 1928, but was raised in Nashville where he graduated from Vanderbilt Medical School; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Dr. Turner moved to Perry County, where he and his wife, Jo, raised their four children: Gordon H. "Chipper" Turner III, Nancy Turner Jackson, Emily Turner Ferguson, and Jon Turner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Turner was an activist for the betterment of both his country and his local community; he served his country with valor for two years during the Korean War as a Captain in the United States Air Force, in which position he used his medical skills to save many lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Turner not only practiced medicine, saved lives, and promoted better health until his death on February 19, 1990, he was also instrumental in increasing the overall quality of medical services in Perry County; and

WHEREAS, the Perry County Commission has petitioned this Body to name a certain segment of State Route 13 to permanently recognize Dr. Turner's life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the segment of State Route 13 in Perry County from its intersection with U.S. Highway 412 (State Route 20 / East Main Street) at log mile 12.530 in the City of Linden southward to its intersection with State Route 128 at log mile 8.370 is hereby designated the "Dr. Gordon H. Turner Jr. Memorial Highway" to honor the positive contributions and singular legacy of Dr. Turner as one of the most dedicated and compassionate physicians this State has ever produced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 13 described in the first resolving clause as the "Dr. Gordon H. Turner Jr. Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if Perry County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Perry County shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the State for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Perry County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Perry County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "Dr. Gordon H. Turner Jr. Memorial Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this resolution as the "Dr. Gordon H. Turner Jr. Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.